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## Some make trek, others deterred from DNC

### Threat of rain derails College Democrats' trip to Charlotte

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Skies were clear in Charlotte, N.C., early Thursday evening, but the threat of rain still forced President Barack Obama's nomination acceptance speech to be moved from the open-air, 75,000-seat Bank of America Stadium.

Instead, he spoke in the 15,000-seat Time Warner Cable Arena, leaving room for only delegates in the much smaller venue.

Among the would-be attendees shut out from the convention was a group of more than 50 USC students who had planned on attending the event with the College Democrats.

"We started planning the trip as soon as we got word that the campaign was going to try to get college students tickets," said Morgan Lowder, a third-year political science student and president of College Democrats at USC. "We worked hard to get students signed up, and we got over 50."

When news broke Tuesday that the venue for Obama's speech would be changed and that only delegates would be allowed in the arena, Lowder and many other USC students who had planned on hearing Obama's speech were upset.

"I was disappointed, but I'm still fired up," said Mary-Elizabeth Phillips, a first-year anthropology student who planned on attending the convention.

With such short notice, there was little time to adjust plans.

"It was a surprise," Lowder said. "At that time, we didn't know what we were going



Students and others who were turned away from President Barack Obama's Thursday night speech in Charlotte, N.C., gathered at the Columbia Convention Center instead.

### Journalism students work for local, national media outlets during convention

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While nearly 6,000 political delegates took hold of Charlotte, N.C., a smaller delegation of a different kind represented USC at the Democratic National Convention this week.

USC's senior Capstone Experience program sent 19 journalism students to Charlotte, who teamed with professionals from six national and local news organizations to report on the convention.

In a crash-course internship at one of the biggest events of the presidential election season, the students reported, shot and edited video; managed social media; and ran errands alongside some 15,000 other media members from around the nation and world.

Sid Bedingfield, a journalism professor, and Charles Bierbauer, dean of the College of Mass Communications and Information Studies, began planning the project at the start of this year, tapping into their industry contacts to arrange positions for the students.

The proximity and timing of the convention presented "too good an opportunity to not take advantage of it," Bierbauer said.

The students were assigned to work with teams from CNN, the Associated Press, the National Journal, the Charlotte Observer, Raycom's Charlotte and Columbia broadcast stations and Time Warner Cable's News 14 Carolina.

Adia Hamer, a fourth-year broadcast journalism student, called her experience

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## Student robbed near Pickens bridge

### Two men wanted for strong-arm robbery following Thursday incident

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Police are looking for two men they say robbed a USC student early Thursday morning.

The student was walking near the Pickens Street Bridge around 12:10 a.m. Thursday, when two men punched him in the face and took an unknown amount of money, according to a police narrative provided by Capt. Eric Grabski, a spokesman for USC's Division of Law Enforcement and Safety. A full incident report wasn't available by press time.

Whether the student was on the bridge or a nearby sidewalk isn't clear, Grabski said.

The two left on foot and are described as slim black males in their mid-20s, according to a Carolina Alert sent to students via email and text message about an hour later.

One man, with a beard, was wearing a white tank top and dark pants; the other was wearing a dark tank top and dark pants, according to the alert.

Following the incident, the men fled on foot, according to the report, and officers from the Division of Law

Enforcement and Safety and the Columbia Police Department searched campus.

Grabski wasn't sure what exactly that search entailed, but he said that in past similar cases those searches are comprehensive.

"In past cases, we've exhausted all means and resources," he said. "We don't leave any stone unturned."

Still, by 2:10 a.m., that search was complete, according to a follow-up Carolina Alert, and police hadn't located the suspects — or seen them on campus.

They were spotted, though, in surveillance video taken on campus, and police have

released stills from those tapes to the media, in hopes that someone will recognize them.

"Somebody knows who these people are," Grabski said, "and we're hoping that somebody will say something."

The case has been referred to the State Law Enforcement Division, and information about the robbery was submitted to Crimestoppers, according to Grabski, so a cash reward will be offered for information that leads to an arrest.

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Police are looking for two men they think may be connected with a strong-arm robbery on the Pickens Street Bridge early Thursday morning.

## Police identify, arrest suspect in August indecent exposure

### Cops: Man took pictures of women, masturbated near Patterson Hall

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When a woman reported seeing a man masturbating on campus last month, many details about who he was weren't clear.

A Carolina Alert email sent to students described the suspect only as an "overweight" and "possibly Hispanic" man with dark hair wearing a T-shirt.

Now, police think they know who he is.

Luis Alberto Arce Ruiz, 51, of West Columbia, was arrested Thursday morning in connection with the incident and is charged with indecent exposure, according to Capt. Eric Grabski, a spokesman for USC's Division of Law Enforcement and Safety.

A criminal record check found no prior arrests, according to the State Law Enforcement Division.

At around 12:45 a.m. on Aug. 24, the witness saw a man with his pants down and genitals exposed, sitting in a dark blue Chevrolet Trailblazer, which was parked at a meter near the intersection of Bull and Devine streets, according to an incident report and the Carolina Alert.

She also saw the man taking pictures of passing women, according to the report.

But when he saw that she'd seen him, he fled,



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# Air Force official talks leadership with cadets

**Maj. Gen. Lawrence Wells: ‘It’s about what you do for others’**

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Maj. Gen. Lawrence Wells wasn’t always particularly fond of flying. Now one of the highest-ranking officials in the U.S. Air Force, Wells began in a training plane, the T-37, and his instructor sat right next to the pilot — and constantly yelled about every mistake he made.

Speaking to a group of about 50 Air Force ROTC cadets, Wells discussed his background, his experiences in the military and his advice on how to become a better leader.

He began with his family. Both of his parents were in the military, and that influenced him to enter the Air Force Academy.

He graduated in 1978 and said that while he was there, he “spent four years being a mediocre to poor cadet.”

When Wells graduated, he “didn’t understand leadership,” he said, but all that began to change when he went to flight school after graduation. It was there that he began enjoying flying.

The T-37 was replaced by the T-38 as the standard training plane.

In that plane, the training instructor was seated in a separate cockpit, behind the pilot.

“I had never been alone and in charge of myself,” Wells said.

That feeling, he said, “gave me a joy.” That’s when Wells finally found his calling.

Shortly after that first flight in the T-38, he rose up the ranks.

He was soon offered the opportunity to become one of the first six Air Force pilots to fly an F-16.

“If I had been a better cadet, I wouldn’t have been flying the F-16,” Wells said.

As he rose through the ranks he soon became a squadron commander.

“I learned as commander to take care of everybody ... (and to) work as a unit,” he said.



From there, he began flying U-2 reconnaissance planes at 80,000 feet, wearing \$250,000 suits as he did so, he said.

“You fly so high you can see the curvature of the earth,” Wells said.

But after a few years, Wells began driving the pilotless Global Hawk; his last deployment was flying a refueling plane in the Middle East.

On assignments like that, “it’s all about teamwork,” he said.

Good leaders, Wells said, are people who motivate, develop, recognize and inspire the people around them.

“It’s not about you,” he said. “It’s about what you do for others.”

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**Maj. Gen. Lawrence Wells, a high-ranking Air Force official, discusses leadership and his personal history at USC’s ROTC Center midday Thursday.**

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heading up Bull Street toward Greene Street, according to the report.

That’s the moment that may have solved the case.

The woman took note of his license plate number and gave it to police.

That led them to Ruiz, who she identified in a lineup, according to Grabski. Other witnesses identified the same man, Grabski said.

“That was probable cause for us to get the arrest warrant,” Grabski said.

A judge set bail of \$3,000 a few hours after the Thursday arrest, according to the Alvin S. Glenn Detention Center website, and Ruiz was released around midday.

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working with AP “the opportunity of a lifetime.”

Hamer was tasked with gathering research, assisting with videography, conducting interviews and running errands from the convention floor to the AP office.

Her most challenging assignment, she said, was tracking down a Google professional somewhere in the city by asking around and going on a hunch, then rushing to set up and conduct an interview.

“It literally took 3 1/2 hours to get a 3 1/2 minute interview,” Hamer said.

In the process, students began navigating the media’s changing landscape. For some, that meant taking to social media.

Paulia Hughes, a fourth-year broadcast journalism student, tweeted updates for CNN’s Headline News Network, whose producers consulted her on other ways to reach out to younger audience members, she said.

Working at an event with the scale and prominence of the convention has its professional benefits, too.

“(It) gives you insight and becomes something of an audition,” Bierbauer said. “It’s a chance to test out what you’ve learned in the classroom and ... helps you focus your ambitions.”

That’s a sentiment students echoed as well, as many said they felt prepared to apply what they had been taught.

“Everything our professors have taught us ... is happening right here,” Hughes said. “This is seeing everything in action.”

While working at the convention has its professional advantages, it has civic benefits as well.

“I’m really just enjoying seeing a lot of South Carolina representatives show up,” Hamer said, adding that she has an interest in reporting on politics and local news. “We’re with some of the most powerful ... politicians in the country, right here in Charlotte.”

And, Bierbauer added, working at the convention carries a certain civic significance for the students.

“It’s important because it’s part of the larger picture of civic and political engagement,” Bierbauer said. “Far too many voters who go to the polls are only semi-informed ... It’s easy to be disdainful of the political process. If you start to grasp how that unfolds and penetrates ... it makes you a better citizen.”

But being immersed in the process has meant a lot of work, too, and while Hamer had a demanding schedule and challenging tasks, she said the convention experience has affirmed her confidence in her skills and her professional future.

“It wasn’t an option to not make [an assignment] happen. Failure is not an option — not for AP, not for the Democratic National Convention, no way. Challenge accepted,” Hamer said. “I can do this. I can work and drive and make a living ... doing things I’m actually passionate about and going to school for.”

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to do.”

Luckily for the group, the South Carolina Democratic Party invited those with convention credentials from across the state — including USC students — to a watch party at the Columbia Metropolitan Conference Center.

“We won’t let thunderstorms dampen our spirits because we are still fired up and ready to go to reelect President Obama and Democrats up and down the ticket,” the SCDP wrote in a release.

Democrats from around the state turned out for the party, including Alex Papadopoulos, the Obama campaign’s state director, and Columbia Mayor Steve Benjamin.

The College Democrats planned to be active in the campaign to reelect Obama, starting with a “Day of Action,” registering voters in Fayetteville, N.C., on Sept. 15.

“Instead of just sitting back and talking about Democratic politics — which we’ll still do — I want to get students involved and active in the political process,” Lowder said.

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# Student ticketing delay unacceptable

For an entire week, a campus full of frustrated students who were unable to get season passes have been waiting for news on how to secure a ticket to the home opener against East Carolina on Saturday. This Thursday afternoon, we finally received those instructions in an email and are now scrambling, with a day left before the game, to try to get a seat.

If that wasn't bad enough already, there was a major problem with this email. The message stated that tickets would be canceled if they hadn't been claimed by Thursday at 5 p.m. The email was sent Thursday at 5 p.m.

There are, more than likely, students who wished to cancel their tickets but had already claimed them before receiving these instructions, in fear of being penalized by the system if they didn't. Now, in order to cancel these claimed tickets, students are required to send individual emails to Ticketing asking to have their tickets dropped. Unless the Ticketing staff turn into robots, there's a slim chance they will be able to manually process all of these requests in the span of one day, especially with a campus of 30,000 students and a department that has routinely proved it can rarely get anything right the first time around.

There's no reason that trying to attend a football game should be this difficult. This is no longer, as the email from Ticketing on Thursday afternoon so nicely stated, a "slight technical problem." This is a fiasco, one caused by poor communication and a severe lack of organization that has now left consequences for us to suffer. Student ticketing needs to get it together, and it needs to do so now — or, at the very least, before the next home game.



## Candidate spouse speeches just for show

### Biased testimonies helpful but not reliable

Well, that's a wrap. This presidential election's conventions have come and gone, and they were about as typical as one would expect. It wouldn't be American politics if it hadn't been filled with plenty of mudslinging. Throw in a healthy dose of hyperbole and heart-string plucking (e.g., the family whose financial well-being completely depends on their health insurance's coverage of their young daughter) and you've got yourself rigmarole as predictable as the crowds for the parties: older, presumably wealthy, white folks for the Republicans and a youthful, diverse and perhaps more energetic audience for the Democrats.

However, there was one exception to the usual formula. Out of the blue, first lady Michelle Obama gave an awfully powerful speech as a testament to her husband's character and determination to ensure a better America for the generations whose parents were unable to flourish in their pursuit of happiness. The media are already gobbling up her speech, positing that she may have stolen the spotlight. They've even gone so far as to report an analysis of the speech's intellectual value that deemed it written at a 12th-grade level, the highest of any speech given by a nominee's wife. In case you were wondering, Ann Romney's was apparently written at a seventh-grade

level. Michelle Obama's speech was incredibly well delivered and equally well written, and that's all fine and dandy. But does a nominee's wife really have anything valuable to add?

Before I'm heralded as a hateful misogynist, I'd just like to clarify that it's not so much the wife herself but her perspective of her husband. In a perfect world, no one would know a president better than his significant other, but would one expect anything less than unconditional and resounding support in a speech from a first wife? Granted, they serve as excellent tools in giving shape to a persona to which the average person can relate, but aside from that, their speeches are nothing more than a vessel for campaign strategy. In a macroscopic sense, the speeches from President Barack Obama and Mitt Romney's wives helped round out the image their campaigns are trying to portray their nominees as, but beyond that it's really no more than showmanship. That may be an inherent part of politics, but perhaps that's why there's a need for fact checkers upon fact checkers: The focus on flash, rather than bang, breeds misinformation.

In the political arena, the opinions of once-competitors and skeptics hold much more weight than wives who are lawfully wedded and devoted to the nominees in the first place. There is simply more intrinsic value to testimony and support from neutral or unexpected sources, especially ones with little to gain from a presidency. In the weeks coming to our election, be wary of sources before you're too quick to praise. You wouldn't ask coach Steve Spurrier what his favorite college football team is, would you?

## Bid Day not spectacle for fraternities

### Uninvited males ruin memorable occasion

More than 1,000 women flocked to the Horseshoe on Bid Day, an event that is supposed to mark a exciting day but is often turned into a gawking session for the fraternity men who gather around to watch what they call the "running of the pigs."

Obnoxious, rude and often belligerent, the uninvited males, who act more like pigs themselves, line up on the Horseshoe to watch the plethora of girls run to their new sororities. For the unfortunate girls who end up falling in the rush to find their new families, they not only have to face the embarrassment of getting up from their tumble but also the embarrassment of a gaggle of boorish men who savor the schadenfreude as well.

Many schools, like the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, have banned the presence of male students at Bid Day ceremonies to create an event centered around the welcoming of new members rather than having them parade in front of a group of boisterous males.

Without fraternity men coming to see "which sorority has the hottest new pledge class," the ceremony would be more of a celebration of the arrival of new members, rather than a time to worry about embarrassing oneself in front of a churlish audience, who are likely to turn an exciting memory into a humiliating one.

I hope future members will not have to endure the things that have occurred on previous Bid Days, as the ceremony will become less of a notoriously parodied event and more of a distinguished time for women as they embark on the journey of sisterhood and lifelong commitment.



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# Economic liberalism damaging in long run

### Recent tendencies toward leftist policies encourage selfishness, lavish spending

A cultural shift in the United States is evident. Examples of this fluctuation abound, from the acceptance of nudity in television programming to the change in perceptions of abortion to opinions of what defines marriage. This shift is not limited to social issues, however, as it extends into the economic spectrum as well. In December 2011, the Huffington Post published an article referencing a Pew Research Center poll that showed that 49 percent of Americans between the ages of 18 and 29 held a favorable view of socialism, while only 46 percent had positive feelings toward capitalism. While some may argue that left-leaning social engineering will benefit America in the years ahead, what about leftist economic policies?

Mirroring the Marxist disdain for the bourgeoisie, Sen. Patty Murphy, a Democrat from Washington state, stated in July that her party would block any extension of the George W. Bush tax cuts that did not

call for "the wealthy to pay their fair share." But what is their fair share? According to the Congressional Budget Office, the top 1 percent of wage earners pay 39 percent of American income taxes, while the top 20 percent of earners contribute 94 percent of U.S. income tax revenue. With the U.S. already boasting the most progressive income tax structure in the developed world, exactly what more do leftist leaders want? The same Pew poll revealed that 59 percent of Democrats claim a favorable view of socialism. Anyone doubtful of a cultural shift need only compare the Democrats of days gone by such as George Wallace, Strom Thurmond and Lester Maddox to current leaders like Patty Murphy, Maxine Waters and Keith Ellison.

One important example of the cultural shift, however, is the apparent lack of outrage over the impending increase in estate taxes if the Bush tax cuts are not extended. For hundreds of years, Americans

have upheld rather than vilified the virtues of diligence, thrift, resourcefulness and, consequently, economic prosperity. There are even biblical principles discouraging debt (Proverbs 22), encouraging profitability (Matthew 25) and even leaving an inheritance for one's children and grandchildren (Proverbs 13) that are ingrained into many American minds. If the cuts expire, individual penalty-free bequests will be limited, and any inheritance in excess of \$1 million will be taxed at 55 percent. Even the "gift tax" exemption that allows individuals to give portions of their wealth while still alive will be negated. The change will be especially difficult for family farmers who are forced to hold nearly \$1 million per farm in land equity and equipment alone to remain competitive and family-owned businesses with similar situations.

Penalizing success stymies entrepreneurship and engenders selfishness. A culture that punishes the recipients of inheritance encourages individuals to consume for themselves and focus on the present, not the future.



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# ‘LAWLESS’



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*Depression-era film brings together technological art, bloody violence*

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“Lawless”  
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**Director:** John Hillcoat  
**Starring:** Tom Hardy, Shia LaBeouf, Guy Pearce  
**Rating:** R for strong bloody violence, language, sexuality/nudity

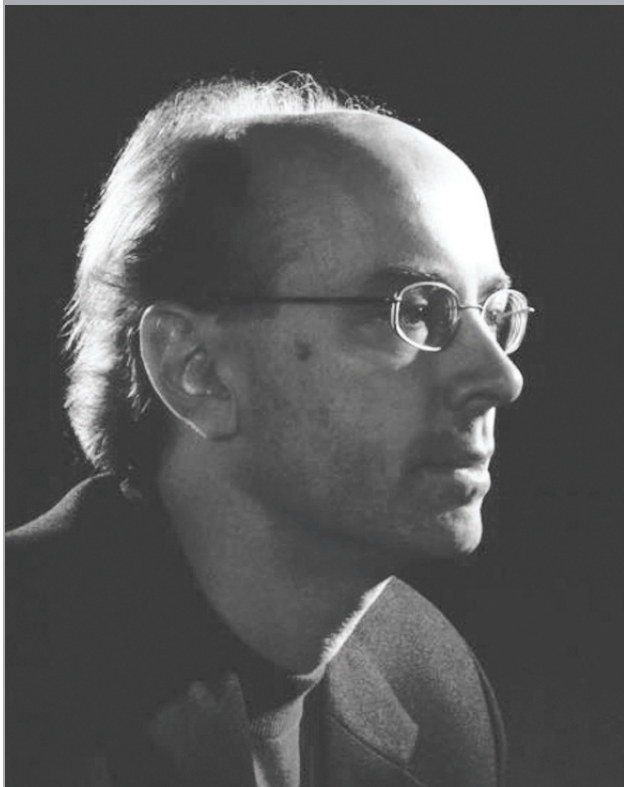
“Lawless” walks a certain line between independent art house cinema and action thriller that past films like “Drive” (2011) have taken. This type of direction makes it difficult to determine what kind of audience the movie is for, but “Lawless” does present something for fans of both genres. In the technological categories, it delivers the art house, and the thrills mostly come from its bloody violence. The movie is based on Matt Bondurant’s 2008 novel “The Wettest County in the World,” which tells the story of his bootlegging ancestors and

gives the movie a folk myth. In the Prohibition era, we follow Bondurant brothers Forrest (Tom Hardy), Jack (Shia LaBeouf) and Howard (Jason Clarke), who use their bar as a front for a liquor bootlegging business. It’s pretty successful with the locals and even the police, who look the other way because they know better than to mess with the older Bondurants. Young Jack, however, is a different story. He wants to do more than drive around helping with deliveries, but he can’t even bring himself to pull the trigger when necessary. This brings a “coming of age” element to the story as Jack learns from his brothers that the path to being a man depends less on his actions than he anticipated. The law eventually catches up with these boys when the feds call special deputy Charley Rakes (Guy Pearce) to handle the boys’ illicit activities. He establishes a fee for those who wish to continue bootlegging, and for those who don’t pay, it often comes down to barbaric tactics. Once the actual rivalry between Rakes and the Bondurant brothers comes into play, the tension starts rising to an unbearable level driven by violent shootouts and bloody beatdowns. The only characters completely underwritten are the female ones. Jessica Chastain plays Maggie Beauford, a dancer from Chicago who leaves to escape the dangerous life she led. This really isn’t explored, and her character doesn’t see any development, making her merely a simple love

interest for Forrest. It’s a sweet romance, though. Mia Wasikowska is in the same position as Bertha Minnix, the preacher’s daughter Jack has his eyes on. The romantic attraction between her and Jack hardly does anything for the story in terms a romantic tension. So yes, “Lawless” does endeavor and mostly fail with the story, but where the movie really succeeds is with its incredible cast and technicalities. As the youngest of the brothers, LaBeouf finally steps out of the shadow that was the creatively bankrupt “Transformers” series. But when he’s placed in scenes with the film’s real treasures Hardy and Pearce, he’s overmatched and delivers the voice-over narration dully. But Hardy owns the movie in every scene he’s in, giving Forrest a convincing hillbilly swagger. As the wondrously creepy Rakes, Pearce skillfully amplifies the menace in his character without going becoming cartoonish. In the technical categories, “Lawless” is stunningly photographed with the cinematography and set detail successfully drawing us 80 years into the past. Though every plot point is predictable three scenes in advance, “Lawless” still delivers with the violence, some surprising hilarity and some very noteworthy performances.

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## Columbia hosts Beethoven sonatas



Violinist Aaron Berofsky and pianist Phillip Bush will be performing Ludwig van Beethoven’s complete sonatas for violin and piano over the course of a three-day concert series this weekend at the Columbia Museum of Art. The concerts begin tonight and continue through Sunday. All three concerts start at 7 p.m. with doors opening at 6 p.m. The Beethoven program is the result of a prolonged collaboration between Bush and Berofsky. Last year, they premiered the complete sonatas at New York City’s Merkin Hall to much acclaim. Now, as part of the Columbia Museum of Art’s Baker and Baker series, Bush, also a USC faculty member, and Berofsky bring their talent to Columbia. Tickets are dramatically discounted for students, \$15 for a three-night pass and \$5 for a single night.

— Compiled by Grace Shepard







Courtesy of Paul Needham

Veteran folk musician to play Conundrum with Sergio Webb

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He’s worked his way through the industry with an impressive and aged discography, beginning with 1981’s “Contender” and ending with 2012’s “The Stone.” His songs have filtered through the music world, picking up covers from greats like Emmylou Harris and Johnny Cash.

David Olney, a vetted folk artist, is returning to Columbia for his first South Carolina show in five years. The singer/songwriter will perform with an acoustic and electric guitarist tonight at Conundrum Music Hall.

Olney and multi-instrumentalist Sergio Webb combined forces in 2007 and put on a show that meshes classic vaudevillian comedy acts with music and lyrical acrobatics. The duo thrives on touring, taking as much time as possible to perform in small-scale music venues and festivals in both the U.S. and Europe.

“South Carolina is a really interesting place to me, and we’re really excited to come play here for you guys,” Olney said.

For Olney, one of the most intriguing aspects of the music business is having the luxury to travel and explore new locations and cultures.

“People save up for a long time in order to afford a trip to Europe, and for me to be able to go there and get paid for it ... that’s pretty awesome,”

Olney said.

But of all the places he’s played — from the deep South to the stretches of Europe — what’s his favorite? He has a newfound love for Amsterdam, where his daughter is currently living.

“The people there are great — really supportive,” Olney said.

Olney’s new series of thematic mini-albums, “David Olney Presents: Film Noir,” produced by Deadbeat Records, earned its place in the Philadelphia City Paper’s “Top 10 Roots Albums of 2011.” A second mini-album, “The Stone,” centers around a renewed account of the Easter story from assorted perspectives.

One of his most memorable songs, “Titanic,” tells the tragic story of the sunken ship — from the perspective of an iceberg.

“There have been a lot of songs written about the Titanic disaster, but as far as I know, this is the only one from the iceberg’s point of view,” Olney said.

The singer is often spotted with a fedora — Olney said not to hold his lack of a cowboy hat against him — and witty charm. And between his acclaimed tunes and crowd-pleasing persona, the show will make good use of any audience.

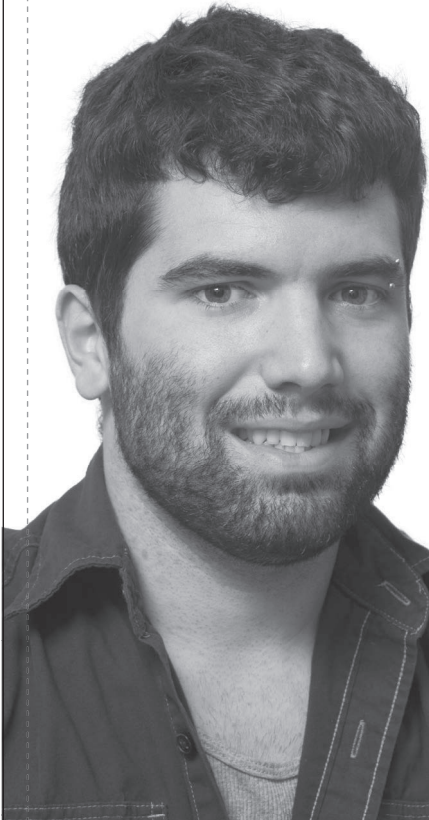
Columbia folk artist Todd Mathis will open tonight’s show. Tickets are \$10 at the door. Doors open at 7 p.m., and the show starts at 8 p.m.

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Folk artist David Olney complements his music with his fedora and charming wit.



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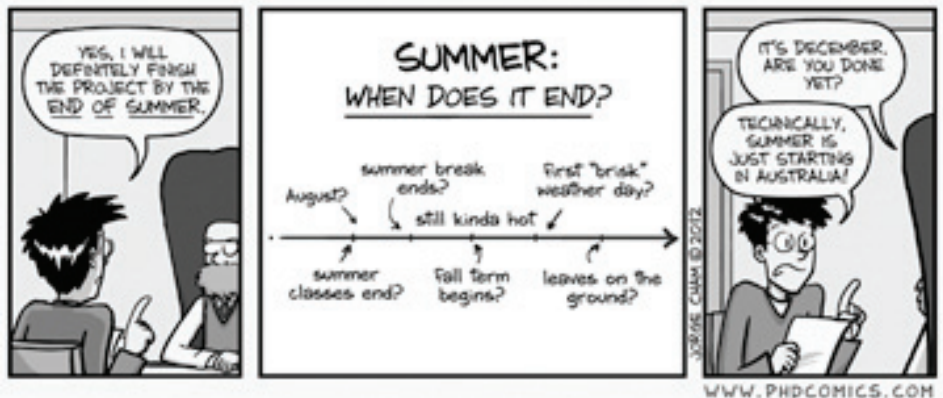
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Taurus

Work challenges abound, and overcoming them leads to advancement and extra income. Consult experts. Take care of your health, too. Eat nutritional foods, take a walk and rest.

Gemini

When you're hot, you're hot. Enjoy your time in the spotlight, but don't burn any bridges. Avoid gossip about your job. Advance to the next level.

Cancer

You may be temporarily overwhelmed. There's nothing wrong with being mellow for a couple of days. More profits are headed your way, if you're willing to wait.

Leo

Obligations could interfere with fun. Get the important things done quickly so that you can play with friends. Or have your friends help with chores while you have a good time together.

Virgo

Hold the position you've taken, but use imagination and creativity to improve it and make it more exciting and fun. Your partner is enthralled. Be a perfectionist.

Libra

What are you waiting for? Now is the time to step out of your comfort zone and go for what you truly believe in. Set long-range goals over the next two days.

Scorpio

Be gracious to a jerk. Your theory is challenged. Hold on to what you've acquired, or it could slip away. A light touch works better. Query a person of many talents.

Sagittarius

You're entering a two-day partnership phase. Behind the scenes work pays off. Fix something at home that's broken. Don't ask for favors now. Someone makes another brilliant discovery.

Capricorn

See what you can do for others, but don't overextend to the point that you forget to take care of yourself. Talk philosophy around the dinner table. Relax.

Aquarius

More group effort is needed, or at least more creative thinking. Call for a brainstorming session. Provide value. Don't expand too rapidly, especially without considering the costs.

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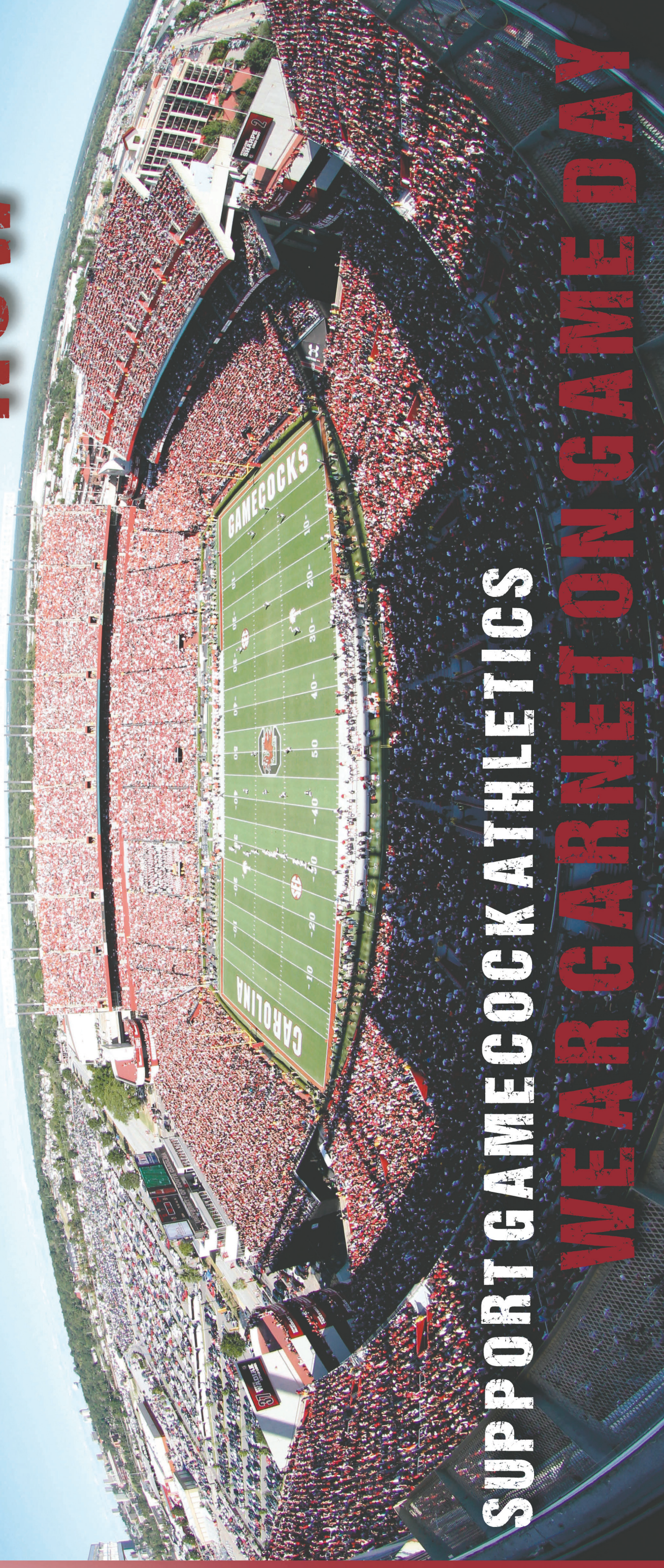
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## Y All in a Year



Shaw to face familiar foe  
in East Carolina

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**W**hat a difference a year makes – and yet some things never seem to change.

In 2011, quarterback Connor Shaw, then a sophomore, was named South Carolina's starter just days before the season-opener against East Carolina. He quickly made that decision look like a mistake, turning the ball over on the Gamecocks' first possession and struggling to a three-and-out in the second.

Facing him was senior quarterback Dominique Davis, now a member of the Atlanta Falcons. He guided the Pirates to a 17-0 lead before senior Stephen Garcia spearheaded a Gamecock comeback. Garcia was dismissed from the team after USC's loss to Auburn, opening the door for Shaw once again.

In the first game of 2012, it was Shaw who willed USC to its first victory, overcoming a "deep bone bruise" in the right shoulder to lead the fourth-quarter scoring drive that secured a 17-13 victory over Vanderbilt. But as Shaw's familiar opponent of ECU comes to Columbia on Saturday, coach Steve Spurrier said Shaw will not play against ECU if his shoulder is in pain, though he will take the decision all the way until

**“We’re a team, and we are confident in whoever goes back there.”**

**– T.J. Johnson**

gametime.

The wait this week has brought back shades of the uncertainty of last year, even though the characters have changed. The Gamecocks plan to start sophomore Dylan Thompson as quarterback if Shaw is unable to play. Just like last year, the mantra from the team this week has been preparing to win no matter who the signal-caller is.

“We’re a team, and we are confident in whoever goes back there,” said senior center T.J. Johnson. “We believe in Dylan (Thompson), we believe in Seth [Strickland], we believe in [Andrew] Clifford. Whoever goes back there, we will block the same for them, and we believe in all of them.”

If the Gamecocks learned anything from last year's season-opener, it was that they should not underestimate the Pirates as an opponent.

“Just being ready [is the biggest lesson from last year],” said senior linebacker Shaq

Wilson. “Going out there playing full speed. Being ready and [knowing] that these guys can play football. They are a good team and they can win. Last year, we weren’t ready. We got down early. Also, we showed that we can come back and get a big win.”

Spurrier said small schools outside major conferences often present a challenge to well-established programs.

“I don’t have the exact reason for it,” Spurrier said. “They really come to play. It’s a huge victory for them if they’re able to beat a big college team, and it’s not that big a deal for the big college school, so you have a lot of tight games. [ECU will] be ready to play. They had a really good chance to get us last year. They sort of fumbled it away. They all know that they can play with us very well.”

But with all the changes for both teams, this game will take on dimension completely

different from last year's. USC has lost not only Garcia, but also wide receiver Alshon Jeffery, who moved into third all-time in receiving yards for South Carolina with his 92 yards that day. East Carolina's defense has been reshuffled after it lost three key players from its secondary.

“I think we played pretty well last year,” said co-offensive coordinator Shawn Elliott. “We can play a lot better. It’s going to be a whole different ball game. We’ve got new guys. They’ve got new guys. They’ve got new ideas, same as us. So we will see what happens out there on Saturday. I don’t even reflect on last year’s game.”

Hosting the game gives USC an additional reason to be optimistic. The Gamecocks have defended their home turf well in recent years.

“[We’re] looking forward to being back home here at Williams-Brice,” Spurrier said. “We’ve won 18 of the

last 21 here. We should feel comfortable here at home. Hopefully we’ll get our offense a little on track. Hopefully we can pitch it around better than we have, but the object is to win the game.”

A year changes a lot, but not everything. No matter who takes the field, the Gamecocks will take the field Saturday confident that they will leave with their second win.

“This year we just have to be ready, going full speed, having fun and just enjoying the home atmosphere,” Wilson said. “We take this game really seriously. This is the most important game of our lives. It is the next game. It is win No. 2 coming up. We just got to do what we got to do to get the W.”

“The fun is in the winning. We just got to go out there and give it our best.”

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# USC vs. ECU

**Saturday, September 8, 2012 at Williams-Brice Stadium**



OFFENSE

# Rush attack still priority

**Spurrier not concerned with Shaw’s aggressive style**

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In a matter of four days, South Carolina coach Steve Spurrier had changed his tune.

After the offense tallied just 67 passing yards in the season opener against Vanderbilt, Spurrier was glum when discussing his offense during a Sunday teleconference.

“Sometimes we had time to throw and we took off running,” Spurrier said. “Sometimes we didn’t have time to throw and took off running. We only threw 14 passes and we must have called 30, but nothing much good was happening when we called a pass.”

But when it was time for Tuesday’s press conference, Spurrier said running the ball with quarterback Connor Shaw and tailback Marcus Lattimore for most of the game was part of the formula to win against the Commodores. Though Shaw’s legs are a strength, his arm has been questionable, especially with an ailing shoulder that could keep him out of Saturday’s starting lineup.

Spurrier said on his call-in show Thursday night that Shaw’s status is still up in the air and will be a game-time decision.

“As a coach I don’t think you ever put a player on the field that is in pain and is going to get hurt,” Spurrier said. “Last week he said, ‘I can play; I can go in there.’ Doctor says he can go play, and of course every time he fell on his back or on his shoulder — wherever — he got up in a little pain there, and you know, I don’t think anyone wants to see that.”

Because Shaw relies on his running ability so much, he can be an injury risk. When a quarterback moves out of the pocket, there are fewer restrictions on how he can be hit, but Spurrier said he encourages Shaw not to slide. Spurrier also didn’t think it was a dirty play in which Shaw was injured against the Commodores. Shaw had 92 rushing yards at Vanderbilt.

“Some people think you ought to slide feet first, but he did that against Nebraska and the guy speared him, hit him in the head,” Spurrier said. “I think the way he is running and getting down is the way you’re supposed to do it. Get all you can and get down. They generally don’t spear you on the ground. That could be a penalty. The other night, the guy’s knee, just as he was coming in, he sort of slowed down and he sort of kneed him. It just happened. When it

happened, (I thought), ‘How in the world did he get hurt on that play?’ There was no smash or anything, but it just sort of happened.”

If Shaw is unable to play, Dylan Thompson is the first backup, though seniors Seth Strickland and Andrew Clifford would likely also see playing time if Thompson is ineffective. Spurrier said he’s been working on getting his confidence up in practice this week, where Shaw didn’t get many snaps because of the ailing shoulder.

As far as the rest of the team, the message has been that it doesn’t matter who the starting quarterback is.

“As an offensive line, we’re just going to block for whoever’s back there and try to give them as much time to complete the passes,” offensive lineman Cody Gibson said. “Connor fought really hard in the Vanderbilt game — he battled. He took the ball and ran it and took some shots, but no matter who’s back there, we’re going to do our best for them.”

The message for East Carolina is likely the same, as the run has become the main priority with or without Shaw. If Shaw is sidelined, Lattimore and Kenny Miles will see the majority of the snaps if the passing game can’t find a rhythm, and if Shaw plays, he’ll likely lean on his legs because he’ll be battling pain in his throwing shoulder.

Spurrier said he’s not worried about teams focusing on the run. If nothing’s broken, there’s nothing to fix.

“When we went 11-2 and [Shaw] won, as a quarterback, six or seven of those games he didn’t throw for a ton of yards in hardly any of them,” Spurrier said. “So, whether or not we’re going to start doing that, we’re going to wait and see. But he runs extremely well. He’s good runner with the ball. That’s a big part of our offense.”

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USC coach Steve Spurrier said the formula for winning at Vanderbilt last Thursday night was running the ball.

## Shaw a game-time decision for home opener

*Spurrier says left tackle Shell could move to right*

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The day before the Gamecocks make their 2012 home debut, there is still no definite answer to whether junior quarterback Connor Shaw will play against East Carolina. Shaw suffered a severe bone bruise during last Thursday’s game at Vanderbilt. South Carolina coach Steve Spurrier told listeners on his

weekly call-in show Thursday night basically the same thing he has said the past couple of days.

“He threw the ball around a little bit (Thursday),” Spurrier said. “We’ll see how he feels tomorrow and Saturday, so he is still a little iffy. He thinks he can play, but if he’s in pain, we are not going to play him. Our trainers keep thinking that there is no way he can hurt the bone bruise anymore and that he has a good chance of playing, so we’re just going to wait it out until Saturday.”

Spurrier said he will likely make

a decision on Shaw’s availability at around 11:30 a.m. Saturday during the Gamecock’s final pregame workout.

Spurrier also said he was surprised to find out that East Carolina has won the last three meetings with the Gamecocks in Columbia and remembers saying, “Dadgum, how did that happen?”

“They were pretty good, and we weren’t very good back then I guess,” Spurrier added. “The conversation out of Greenville, N.C., is that they are coming here to beat us. This is not just a big college team against a

smaller college. We need our fans revved up, and we need to play well.”

**Shell to right tackle?:** Redshirt freshman tackle Brandon Shell had been playing the left tackle position the entire spring and summer and played some of the game against Vanderbilt on the left side. But after leaving late in the first half, Shell has reportedly been practicing at the right tackle position some this week.

“I think he likes it over there better,” Spurrier said. “He told me he felt a little more comfortable over there. I think he played it a little in high school, and for whatever reason, we started him at left tackle here. Really, there is no difference, and we’re just trying to get our best people on the field.”

**Spurrier grateful for win at Vanderbilt:** Spurrier expressed concern about how his teams often fail to put anyone away, referencing the Vandy game where the Gamecocks got out to a 10-0 lead only to let the Commodores get right back in it.

“There was about 10 plays in that game that could have made us a loser, and they all went our way; we were very fortunate to win the game,” Spurrier said. “We didn’t play very well.”

**Spurrier wants more life from team:** The Gamecocks’ eighth-year coach came down hard on his players for not showing enough emotion Thursday night against Vanderbilt. Spurrier was particularly harsh on his bench players, threatening to take them off the sideline if their attitude didn’t improve.

“We didn’t have a lot of life on the sideline,” Spurrier said. “The best enthusiasm we had was from our fans that came to the game. We had a bunch of deadbeat guys on the sideline, and that was disappointing. Guys that don’t play, they need to be up there cheering for their teammates. They’d better do that this week, or they won’t be suiting up a lot more. It’s important that your bench is alive and cheering for the guys out there.”



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USC coach Steve Spurrier said on his call-in show the Gamecocks were fortunate to beat Vanderbilt last Thursday night.

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# Student ticketing runs into glitches

*Technical problem prevents students from being able to cancel tickets for ECU*

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USC’s new student ticketing system, hosted by Ticketmaster, has already run into problems. The Student Ticketing Exchange, which allows students who were not awarded season tickets in a lottery this summer to claim tickets on a first-come, first-served basis, was not accessible to students until Thursday evening due to a technical problem. The Athletics Ticketing office learned of the problem, which was keeping students from canceling and claiming tickets, earlier this week, according to Anna Edwards, director of student services. In the intervening days, Ticketmaster and the ticketing office developed an alternative portal that will let students claim available tickets, according to

Edwards. But the system wouldn’t allow students to cancel their tickets, so students who hadn’t confirmed their tickets saw them removed from their accounts at 5 p.m. Thursday afternoon, the original deadline to do so. That removal didn’t carry any penalties for the students, Edwards said. A release detailing the problem and the new system was also sent at 5 p.m. But the removal didn’t apply to the more than 10,000 season ticket holders who had claimed their tickets by the Thursday deadline, according to Edwards. Questions about the timing of that email, how many students’ tickets were removed and whether USC will return to the original Ticketmaster system were not answered by press time Thursday night. The email from Ticketing contained instructions explaining how students without tickets could claim upper- and lower-deck tickets. At 7 p.m. Thursday, about 500 lower-deck tickets and

more than 2,000 in the upper deck were available on the exchange, according to Edwards. In the meantime, the online system still appears to have some issues, and students who had confirmed their tickets online can’t cancel tickets on the Ticketmaster website. Instead, Student Ticketing is asking students to send an email to [sastutix@mailbox.sc.edu](mailto:sastutix@mailbox.sc.edu) with the subject line “cancel my ticket” before Saturday at noon. If they don’t, they’ll lose their season passes. “We’re asking that they send us an email so that we can make sure those students aren’t penalized,” Edwards wrote in an email response. Students with issues can email [sastutix@mailbox.sc.edu](mailto:sastutix@mailbox.sc.edu), call 803-777-4274 or visit the box office at the Colonial Life Arena, which will extend its hours today from 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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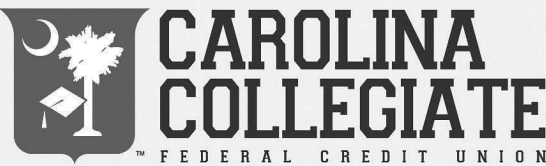
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DEFENSE

Secondary prepares for fast pace

Gamecocks look to contain pass-heavy ECU

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Things were looking good for South Carolina in its season opener at Vanderbilt. The Gamecocks held a 10-0 lead with 11 minutes to go in the second quarter, and they had held the Commodores to 61 yards of offense on 21 plays.

That was until USC sophomore safety Brison Williams mistimed a jump on a pass over the middle, allowing Vandy receiver Jordan Matthews to make the catch and race 78 yards for the touchdown.

All of the momentum the Gamecocks had just moments before was gone, and the Commodores were right back in the game.

In a nutshell, that shows how much of an impact the secondary has on a football team, according to position coach Grady Brown. Do your job and you can shut down an offense; make one mistake, and the whole game can change.

“It’s a highly critical position. You can’t make mistakes, and normally, when you make mistakes, they go for six, so we kind of practice that way and pay attention to detail every day,” Brown said.

“If a defensive lineman or linebacker misses a tackle, it’s 6 yards; if we miss a tackle, it’s six points,” senior safety D.J. Swearinger said.

The defensive back position was a concern coming into the season for USC, as junior Jimmy Legree and redshirt sophomore Victor Hampton, two first-year starters at the position, replaced first-round draft choice Stephon Gilmore and injured senior Akeem Auguste.

Legree and Hampton — along with the rest of the secondary — will get a tough test when East Carolina comes to town Saturday. Last season, the Pirates averaged 44 passing attempts and 286 passing yards a game. They are off to a similar start this season after quarterback Rio Johnson completed 28 of 43 passes for 242 yards and two touchdowns in their 35-13 season-opening win against Appalachian State.

Although USC defeated the Pirates 56-37 last year in Charlotte, N.C., the defense still allowed ECU quarterback Dominique Davis to throw for 260 yards and four touchdowns. Brown knows his unit has to be ready for the fast-paced attack again this year.

“We definitely need to be in



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USC senior safety D.J. Swearinger said the Gamecocks need to improve on lining up on time against ECU this Saturday.

position to play well on the deep ball,” Brown said. “You have to do a good job of playing the perimeter screen and coming up and making good tackles. Definitely have to be ready for the up-tempo offense, and you can’t be lackadaisical in getting lined up.”

Both coaches and players expressed how impressed they were with the tackling of Legree and Hampton in the Vanderbilt game. Legree knows tackling will be a high priority Saturday and said it has been something the secondary has been working on all year.

“Coach Brown, being a new coach, worked on tackling drills every day [in spring and summer],” Legree said. “That’s not something we did every day in the past, so that helped me out a lot. Last year, I didn’t do so

well. It’s going to be a challenge, but I am going to be ready for it.”

Legree said watching the Vanderbilt tape put a “smile on my face” because he was able to see himself make all of the plays that came his way. The Beaufort native finished with seven tackles — one of them for loss — and one pass breakup in the season opener.

Because the ECU offense uses screen passes and runs a fast-paced offense, the entire Gamecock secondary knows it must make the plays that come its way. There will be more opportunity for mistakes such as the 78-yarder in the Vanderbilt game to occur this Saturday. The plan, according to Swearinger, is for people to be in the right place at the right time and use their quickness.

“We had times where we were

walking around and not getting lined up (in time),” Swearinger said. “We’re taking that to heart this week, and we’re going to get better at that. We have to use what God has given us, and that’s speed. We have a lot of speed on this defense, and with [ECU] wanting to go side to side, that will play into our hands.”

Though the Pirate offense could pose a challenge, it could also present an opportunity.

“It gives me a lot of confidence that [ECU] passes the ball a whole lot,” Swearinger said. “More opportunities for me and the secondary to get picks.”

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GAMEDAY 411

//////// East Carolina @ South Carolina //////////

**WHERE:** Williams-Brice Stadium in Columbia, S.C. (capacity of 80,250)

**WHEN:** Kickoff is scheduled for 12:21 p.m. ET.

**THE LINE:** South Carolina by 21.5 points

**SERIES:** South Carolina leads 11-5.

**WEATHER:** The forecast for the Columbia area on Saturday afternoon calls for a chance of isolated thunderstorms with a 30-percent chance of precipitation. The high temperature is supposed to be 90 degrees with a low of 66.

**LAST MEETING:** South Carolina 56-37 in 2011 at Bank of America Stadium in Charlotte, N.C.

IN THE MEDIA

**TELEVISION:** The game will be televised on SEC Network. Dave Neal will handle play-by-play duties. Andre Ware is the color analyst. Cara Capuano is the sideline reporter. A replay will be shown Sunday at 8 p.m. on SportSouth. Andy Demetra will be the play-by-play man, and Brad Muller is the analyst on the replay.

**RADIO:** Locally, the game will be broadcast on 107.5 FM. Todd Ellis will handle play-by-play duties. Tommy Suggs is the color analyst. Langston Moore is the sideline reporter. Additionally, a simulcast of the Gamecock Radio Network broadcast will be simulcast on SiriusXM Satellite Radio. The game will be on Sirius channel 139 and XM channel 194.

Gameday Information:

All parking lots, including the former farmers market, the Fairgrounds, ETV, Capital City Stadium and the National Guard Armory, will open at 8 a.m. on Saturday. Gameday parking will be available in the Fairgrounds for \$40 per space while a limited number of spaces will also be available in the back of the former farmers market. Gas grilling is permitted in the parking lots, but charcoal grilling is prohibited.

Beginning with the 2012 season, the South Carolina Department of Public Safety will be enforcing the NO PARKING zones in the following areas before and during home football games:

- Key Road between the railroad tracks and Idlewide Boulevard
- South Stadium Road
- National Guard Road between Bluff Road and the last entrance into the old farmers market
- Shop Road between George Rogers Boulevard and Idlewide Boulevard
- Hemlock Road between Bluff Road and Oakdale Street

The NO PARKING zones will be enforced by a combination of parking enforcement officers, City of Columbia police officers and Richland County deputies. If a vehicle is towed from one of these areas, the owner will need to check with the agency responsible for enforcement in that area in order to retrieve the vehicle.



# BEHIND ENEMY LINES



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*Five questions with East Carolinian*

**1. How different is the ECU offense this year without Dominique Davis?**

Losing a quarterback like Dominique Davis, who holds quite a few school records, is never easy, but the ECU offense should look very similar. Rio Johnson spent two years learning behind Davis and has developed into a quarterback with similar qualities. He can make the necessary throws in the Pirates’ pass-happy offense and isn’t afraid to tuck his shoulder and run, either.

One difference this year could be the coaching staff’s decision to lean on the run game a bit more to help Johnson get comfortable. The Pirates used a stable of four running backs, totaling 148 yards on 33 carries, against (Appalachian) State last week.

**2. Does last year’s early lead against the Gamecocks give the Pirates some confidence going into this season’s matchup?**

ECU felt like they let a golden opportunity slip away last season after rushing out to a 24-14 lead at the half before falling 56-37 in Charlotte. The fact that ECU went up 17-0 to start the game definitely instills the confidence in the Pirates that they can keep up. But, aside from gaining confidence and experience, that game gave ECU something to prove. The players and fans remember watching the game slip away, and that alone should provide enough incentive to go out and play their best game.

**3. Does the defense have an answer for the USC rushing attack?**

ECU’s defense prides itself on being built through the middle. Highlighted by All-American linebacker Jeremy Grove, the Pirates’ front seven will need to be dominant.

Up front, the Pirates will be without starting nose tackle Michael Brooks, a preseason first team All-Conference USA selection. So the Pirate to watch on defense will be his replacement, Terrell Stanley.

The key to the game for the defense won’t be to stop Marcus Lattimore; it will be to contain him. Vanderbilt’s defense provided a decent blueprint that ECU needs to follow. Lattimore will get his stats, but if the defense keeps it close, things could get interesting.

**4. How closely has ECU been monitoring the health of quarterback Connor Shaw, and do the Pirates see this as an opportunity to pull the upset?**

Pirate Nation has definitely been staying up to date on Connor Shaw’s health status. ECU will absolutely have a better chance at winning if Dylan Thompson is in the game for the Gamecocks.

ECU is the underdog, and the fans know that. The Pirates will have to play their best game, like I alluded to earlier, to win against a South Carolina team that is full of talent. But Pirate Nation loves playing (as) the underdog and has had some recent success. So, even if Shaw plays, ECU fans and players alike will always feel like they can go out and pull off the upset against such a formidable opponent.


**5. Prediction time – who ya got?**

I couldn’t call myself a Pirate fan if I didn’t pick ECU in this game. So although I was born in Columbia, my mom graduated from USC and my grandma probably won’t speak to me for a week, I’m predicting ECU 31, USC 28.



ECU coach Ruffin McNeill got the Pirates out to a 17-0 lead against the Gamecocks in the season opener last season but ended up losing 56-37 in Bank of America Stadium.

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## Missouri starts SEC play by hosting Georgia

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**No. 6 Georgia @ Missouri, Saturday, Sept. 8, 7:45 p.m., ESPN2**

Missouri plays its first conference game as a member of the SEC after crushing Southeastern Louisiana 62-10, putting up 207 offensive yards in the first quarter alone. But the Tigers' defense will have its hands full containing the Bulldogs' offense. Georgia won its season opener against Buffalo 45-23 after a breakout showing from freshman Todd Gurley, who rushed for 100 yards and also returned a kickoff 100 yards for a touchdown, alleviating any concern that the Bulldogs' rushing game would suffer without Isaiah Crowell.

**Auburn @ Mississippi State, Saturday, Sept. 8, noon, ESPN**

Mississippi State opened its season with a dominant 56-9 win over Jackson State, but it will face a greater challenge against the Tigers. Auburn put up a fight against Clemson last week but came up short in its 26-19 loss, despite 194 passing yards from Kiehl Frazier, the team's new starting quarterback. Clemson's Andre Ellington proved impossible for the defense to stop, rushing for more than 200 yards, but Auburn should have an easier time containing the Bulldogs' running game.

**Western Kentucky @ No. 1 Alabama, Saturday, Sept. 8, 3:30 p.m., ESPN3**

Perhaps the most highly anticipated match of opening week turned into a rout when Alabama defeated No. 8 Michigan 41-14. The Crimson Tide will look to keep rolling against Western Kentucky before facing its first major test of the season against No. 10 Arkansas in Week 3. The Hilltoppers dominated Austin Peay 49-10 last week, missing three field goal attempts but winning on the strength of quarterback Kawaun Jakes' career-high 296 passing yards.

**No. 23 Florida @ Texas A&M, Saturday, Sept. 8, 3:30 p.m., ESPN**

Texas A&M's Week 1 matchup with Louisiana Tech was suspended due to weather, so it will now open its season against an SEC foe. The Gators beat Bowling Green last week, relying on 148 rushing yards from senior running back Mike Gillislee to propel its offense. Florida has named sophomore Jeff Driskel the starting quarterback after he and fellow sophomore Jacoby Brissett shared playing time in the opener. Driskel passed for 114 yards to Brissett's 31.

**Georgia State @ Tennessee, Saturday, Sept. 8, 4 p.m., ESPN3**

Tennessee's 35-21 win over N.C. State last weekend featured impressive performances on both sides of the ball, as junior quarterback Tyler Bray passed for 333 yards and the defense forced four interceptions. Wide receiver Cordarelle Patterson kick-started the Volunteers with two touchdowns in the first quarter. Tennessee will look for another commanding victory over Georgia State, which lost its season opener to S.C. State before taking on No. 23 Florida in Week 3.

**Washington @ No. 3 LSU, Saturday, Sept. 8, 7 p.m., ESPN**

LSU faced little opposition from North Texas during opening week, taking a 21-0 lead on the first play of the second quarter and never looking back en route to a 41-14 win. Kenny Hilliard and Alfred Blue each rushed for more than 100 yards, combining for more offensive yards than UNT as a team. The Huskies beat San Diego State last week, but their matchup with LSU begins a stretch where they face four ranked opponents in the next five weeks.

**No. 10 Arkansas vs. Louisiana-Monroe, Saturday, Sept. 8, 7 p.m., ESPN2**

Arkansas cruised to a 49-24 win last week in the debut of coach John L. Smith, hired in the offseason to replace Bobby Petrino. The Razorbacks exploded for 400 passing yards against Jacksonville State, including a school record 367 from starting quarterback Tyler Wilson. For ULM, the game against Arkansas is its first of the season. Coach Todd Berry said he



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is confident in his cornerbacks but that injury to Khari Usher makes the team's depth at safety a concern.

**UTEP @ Ole Miss, Saturday, Sept. 8, 7 p.m., ESPN**

The Rebels began this season with a seven-game losing streak from last year, but they snapped it with a convincing 49-27 win over Central Arkansas last week. Quarterback Bo Wallace, a junior college transfer, collected 264 passing yards in his debut, leading Ole Miss to 35 unanswered points after it trailed 27-14 at halftime. UTEP lost its first game of the season to No. 4 Oklahoma, but the Miners didn't go quietly. The two teams were tied at halftime before the Sooners pulled away behind

quarterback Landry Jones.

**Kent State @ Kentucky, Saturday, Sept. 8, 7:30 p.m., ESPN3**

Kentucky will look to bounce back this week after a 32-14 loss to No. 25 Louisville. Kent State had one of the most memorable plays of opening week when linebacker Andre Parker caught a punt and ran 58 yards toward his own end zone, but the Golden Flashes beat Towson 41-21 on the strength of its defense, which forced six turnovers. Kentucky quarterback Maxwell Smith, who won the starting job after starting the Wildcats' last three games as a freshman last season, will look to lead his team after going just 2-for-6 in the red zone in the opener.

**Vanderbilt @ Northwestern, Saturday, Sept. 8, 8 p.m., Big Ten Network**

Vanderbilt will look for its first win against Northwestern after the Commodores gave the Gamecocks a run for their money during opening week, suffering a narrow 17-13 loss. The Wildcats came out on the winning side of an even tighter game in Week 1, edging Syracuse 42-41 by scoring a touchdown with less than a minute to play. These two teams last met in 2010, a game that Northwestern won 23-21. A close game may be in the making.

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